

KNOX COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



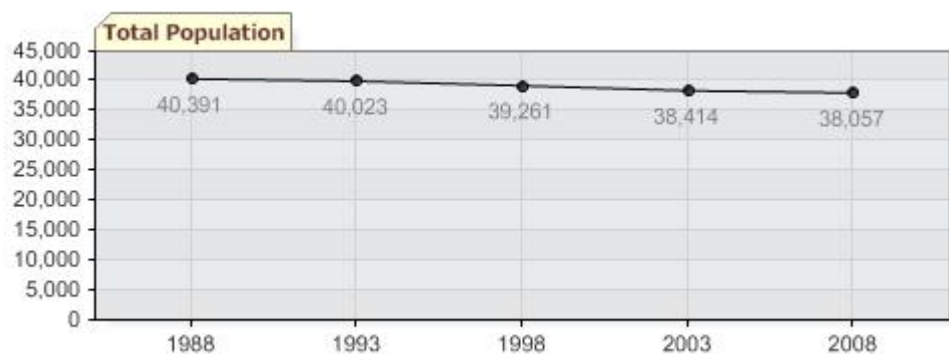
Location

Knox County is located in southwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the west by the Wabash River and the State of Illinois. Greene and Sullivan Counties border to the north; Daviess County is to the east; Pike and Gibson Counties to the south. Knox County is one of the nine counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 11. Knox County is the Vincennes Micropolitan Statistical Area.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

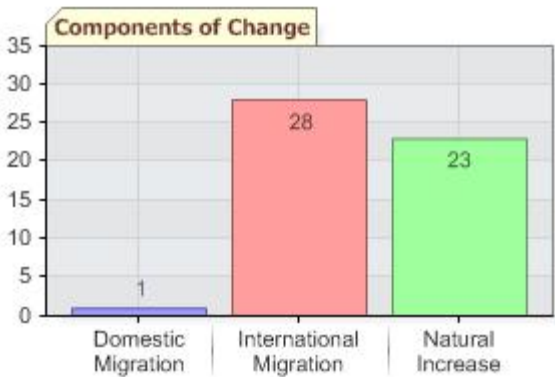
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	40,391	40,023	39,261	38,414	38,057
Change Since 1988		-368	-1,130	-1,977	-2,334
Pct. Change Since 1988		-0.9%	-2.8%	-4.9%	-5.8%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	1
International Migration	28
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	23
Births	474
Deaths	451



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

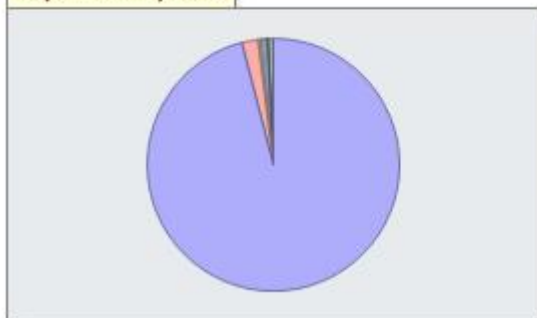
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	2,221	5.8%
School Age	5,810	15.3%
College Age	5,012	13.2%
Young Adult	9,085	23.9%
Older Adult	9,661	25.4%
Older (65 plus)	6,160	16.2%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	94	0.2%
Asian Alone	369	1.0%
Black Alone	788	2.1%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	16	0.0%
White Alone	36,416	95.9%
Two or More Race Groups	266	0.7%

Population by Race



95.88 %	White
2.07 %	Black
0.25 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.97 %	Asian
0.04 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.70 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	37,531	98.8%
Hispanic or Latino	418	1.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

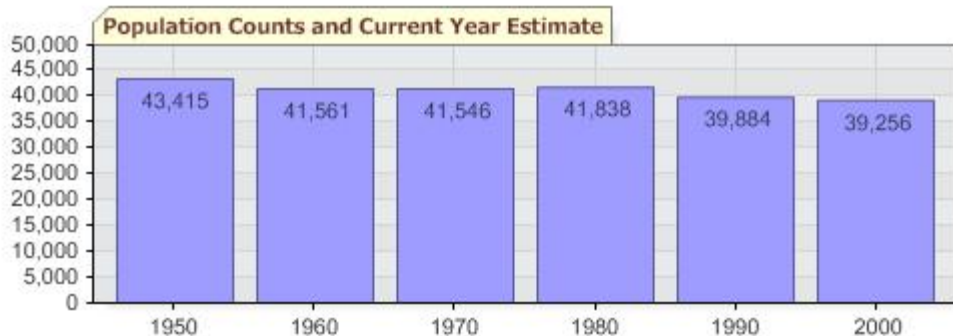
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	15,552	100.0%
Family Households	10,136	65.2%
Married with Children	3,364	21.6%
Married without Children	4,655	29.9%
Single Parents	1,295	8.3%
Other	822	5.3%
Non-family Households	5,416	34.8%
Living Alone	4,621	29.7%
Average Household Size	2.52	
Average Family Household Size	3.87	

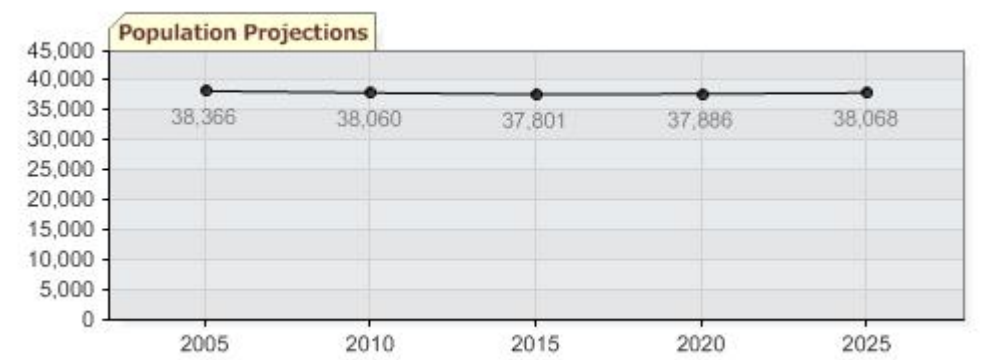
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Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	43,415	NA	NA
1960	41,561	-1,854	-4.3%
1970	41,546	-15	-0.0%
1980	41,838	292	0.7%
1990	39,884	-1,954	-4.7%
April 2000	39,256	-628	-1.6%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



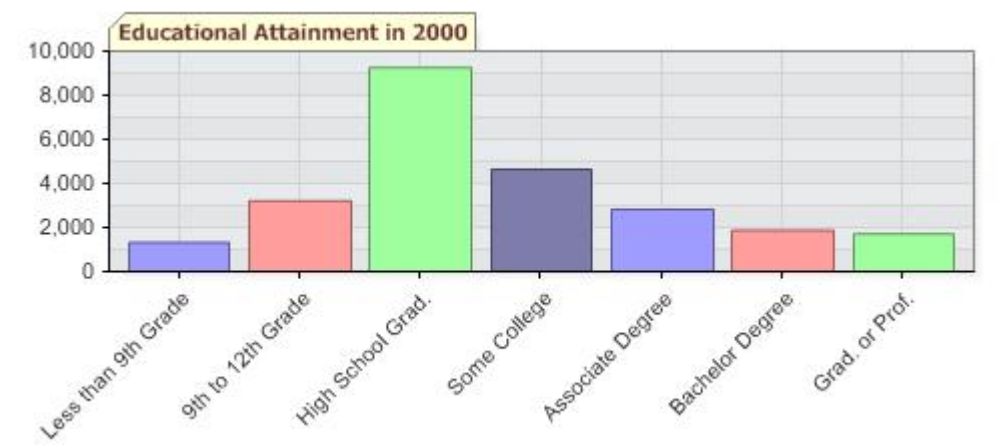
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	38,366	38,060	37,801	37,886	38,068
Change Since 2005		-306	-565	-480	-298
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.8%	-1.5%	-1.3%	-0.8%



Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

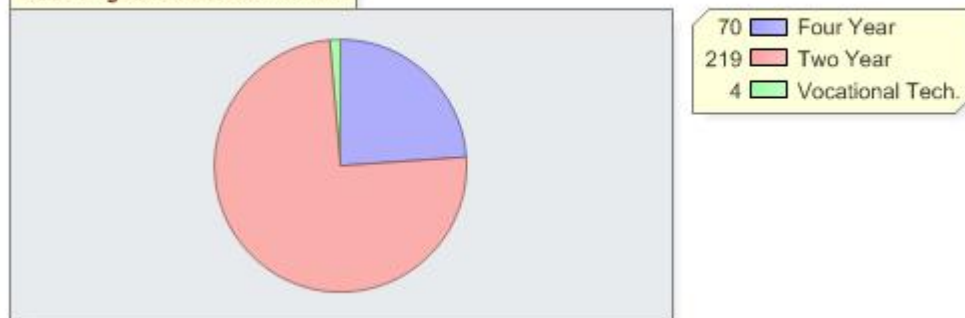
Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	23,336	24,760	24,740	24,865
Less than 9th Grade	6,920	4,971	2,495	1,335
9th to 12th, No Diploma	4,391	4,324	3,813	3,219
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	8,424	9,817	9,485	9,261
Some College, No Degree			4,005	4,640
Associate Degree			2,193	2,831
Bachelors Degree			1,439	1,873
Graduate or Professional Degree			1,310	1,706



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	433	347	359	354
Total to Higher Education	364	290	292	293
Four-Year Institution	114	109	105	70
Two-Year Institution	239	176	180	219
Vocational/Tech.	11	5	7	4
Military	11	7	13	10

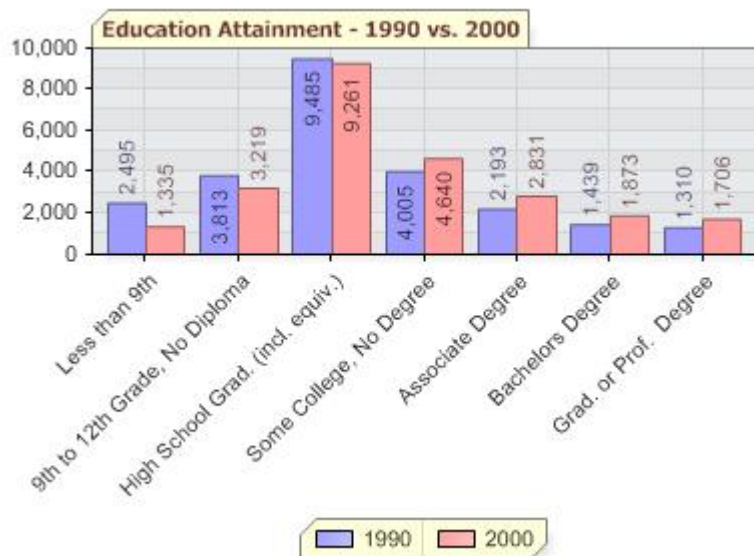
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	24,740	100.0%	24,865	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	2,495	10.1%	1,335	5.4%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	3,813	15.4%	3,219	12.9%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	9,485	38.3%	9,261	37.2%
Some College, No Degree	4,005	16.2%	4,640	18.7%
Associate Degree	2,193	8.9%	2,831	11.4%
Bachelors Degree	1,439	5.8%	1,873	7.5%
Graduate or Professional Degree	1,310	5.3%	1,706	6.9%

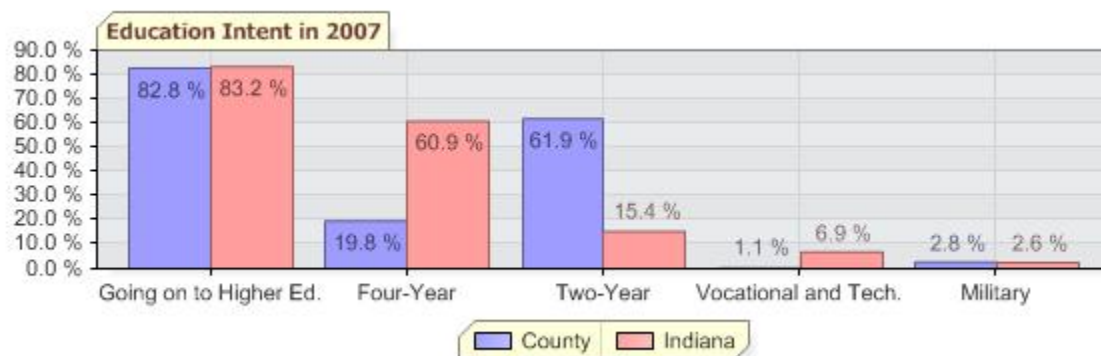


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	82.8%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	19.8%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	61.9%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	1.1%	6.9%
Military	2.8%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

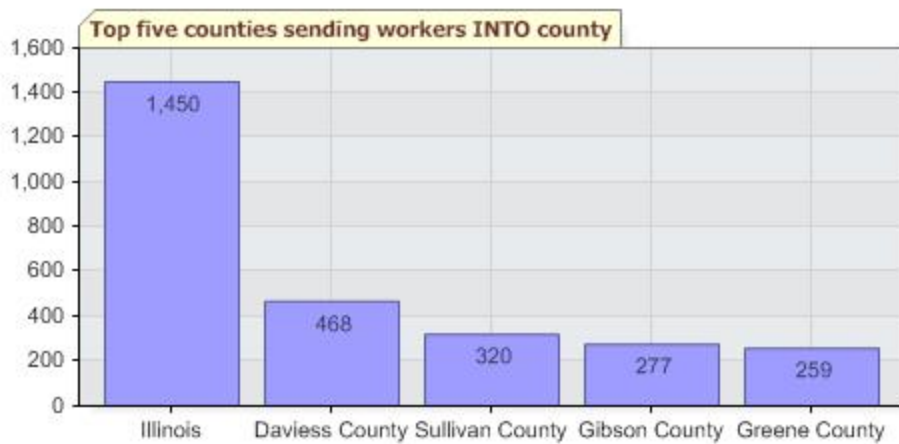
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	24,543
Number of tax filers who work in the county	25,439
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	21,879
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	3,560

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

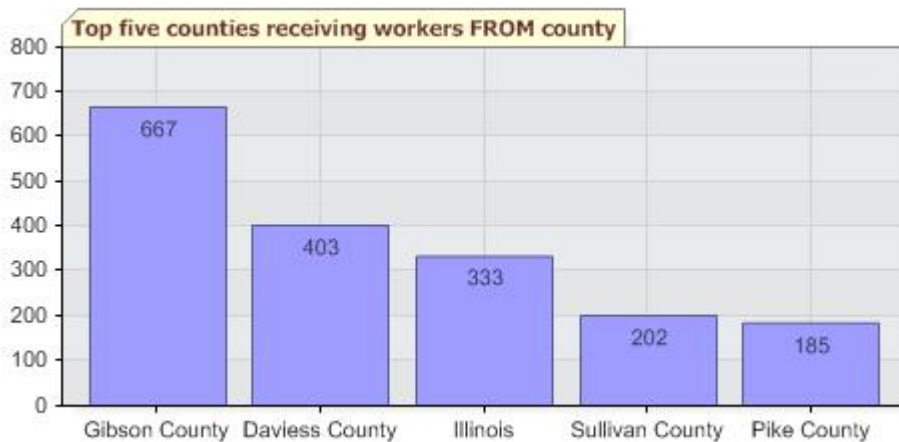
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Illinois	1,450	53.8%
Daviess County	468	17.4%
Sullivan County	320	11.9%
Gibson County	277	10.3%
Greene County	259	8.7%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Gibson County	667	37.3%
Daviess County	403	22.5%
Illinois	333	18.6%
Sullivan County	202	11.3%
Pike County	185	10.3%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

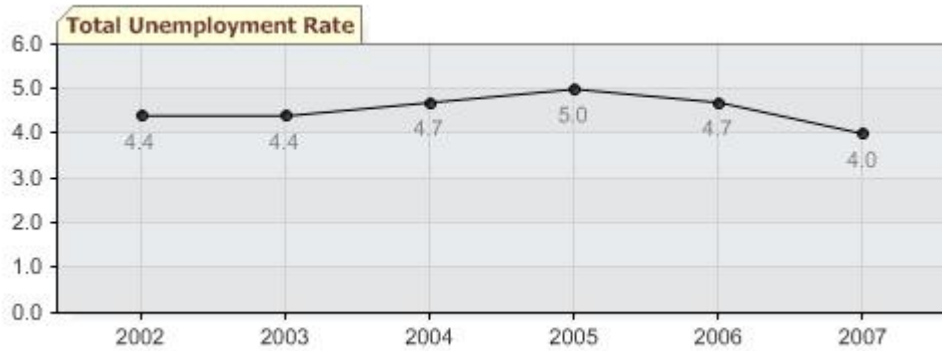
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	17,829	100.0%
Travel To Work	17,418	97.7%
Car, Truck, or Van	16,471	92.4%
Traveled Alone	14,729	82.6%
Carpooled	1,742	9.8%
Used Public Transportation	36	0.2%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	911	5.1%
Worked At Home	411	2.3%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	18.3	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	16.9	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

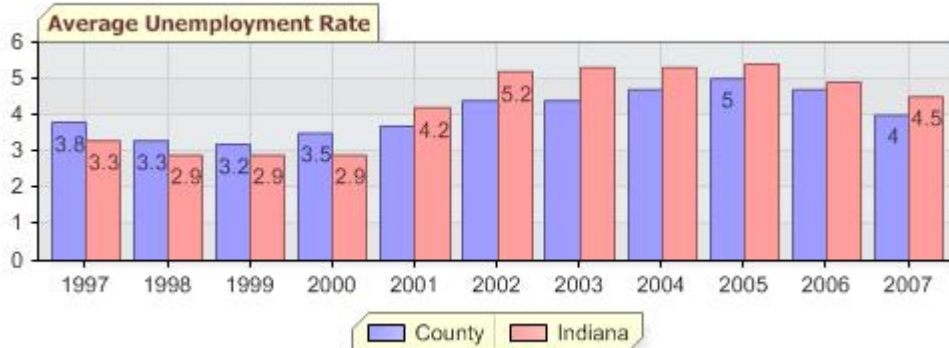
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	19,807	1.2%
Employed	19,015	0.7%
Unemployed	792	14.3%
Rate	4.0	14.3%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	20,178	19,405	773	3.8	3.3
1998	19,729	19,073	656	3.3	2.9
1999	19,365	18,751	614	3.2	2.9
2000	19,581	18,888	693	3.5	2.9
2001	19,501	18,780	721	3.7	4.2
2002	19,682	18,820	862	4.4	5.2
2003	19,529	18,663	866	4.4	5.3
2004	19,121	18,231	890	4.7	5.3
2005	19,228	18,257	971	5.0	5.4
2006	19,428	18,519	909	4.7	4.9
2007	19,807	19,015	792	4.0	4.5



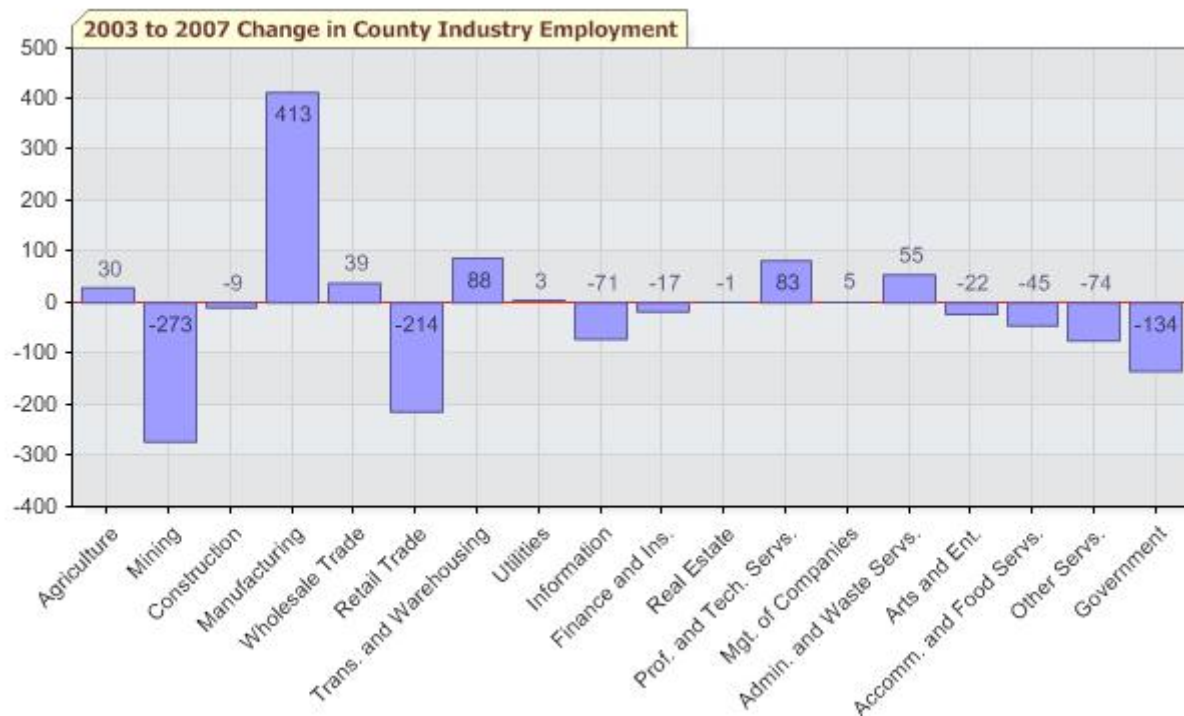
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	16,812	16,438	16,259	16,542	16,713	-99	-0.59%
Total Private Employment	12,076	11,934	11,806	11,905	12,111	35	0.29%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	360	401	358	363	390	30	8.33%
Mining	320	212	112	41	47	-273	-85.31%
Construction	419	406	389	403	410	-9	-2.15%
Manufacturing	1,639	1,772	1,825	1,915	2,052	413	25.20%
Wholesale Trade	743	726	747	762	782	39	5.25%
Retail Trade	2,198	2,119	2,072	1,923	1,984	-214	-9.74%
Transport. and Warehousing	569	593	577	669	657	88	15.47%
Utilities	152	150	153	155	155	3	1.97%
Information	238	210	194	178	167	-71	-29.83%
Finance and Insurance	526	539	526	516	509	-17	-3.23%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	120	120	119	110	119	-1	-0.83%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	180	168	174	254	263	83	46.11%
Mgmt. of Companies	40	40	42	41	45	5	12.50%
Admin. and Waste Services	438	459	498	484	493	55	12.56%
Educational Services	90	93	93	90	95	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,967	1,979	1,980	2,021	2,008	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	61	51	44	52	39	-22	-36.07%
Accommodation and Food Service	1,462	1,365	1,394	1,408	1,417	-45	-3.08%
Other Services	554	530	508	521	480	-74	-13.36%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	4,736	4,504	4,453	4,637	4,602	-134	-2.83%

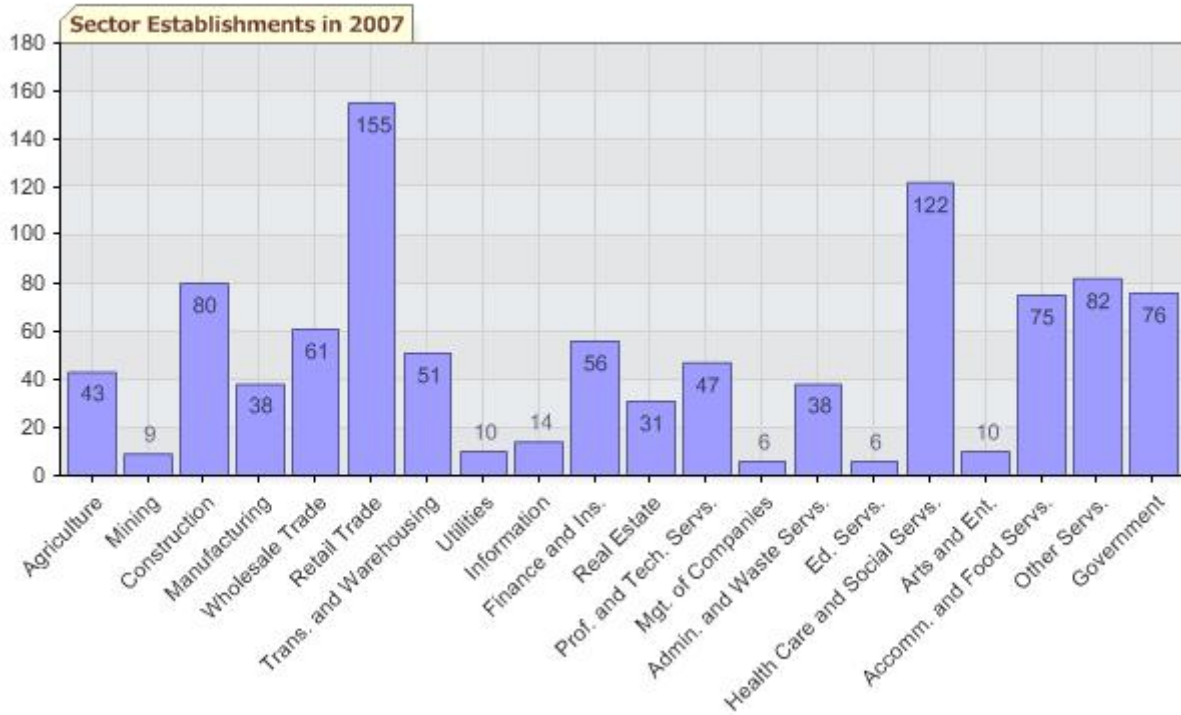


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	1,008	1,002	999	997	1,008	0	0.00%
Total Private Establishments	944	939	934	931	932	-12	-1.27%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	36	39	40	43	43	7	19.44%
Mining	11	10	9	9	9	-2	-18.18%
Construction	87	83	77	78	80	-7	-8.05%
Manufacturing	38	41	39	39	38	0	0.00%
Wholesale Trade	56	58	59	60	61	5	8.93%
Retail Trade	170	165	159	154	155	-15	-8.82%
Transport. and Warehousing	50	49	49	52	51	1	2.00%
Utilities	9	9	10	11	10	1	11.11%
Information	12	13	15	14	14	2	16.67%
Finance and Insurance	55	58	59	56	56	1	1.82%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	34	35	35	31	31	-3	-8.82%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	48	48	49	48	47	-1	-2.08%
Mgmt. of Companies	5	5	5	5	6	1	20.00%
Admin. and Waste Services	38	36	37	37	38	0	0.00%
Educational Services	5	6	6	5	6	1	20.00%
Health Care and Social Assistance	122	125	127	127	122	0	0.00%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	10	9	8	10	10	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	73	69	73	73	75	2	2.74%
Other Services	85	83	80	82	82	-3	-3.53%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	64	63	65	66	76	12	18.75%



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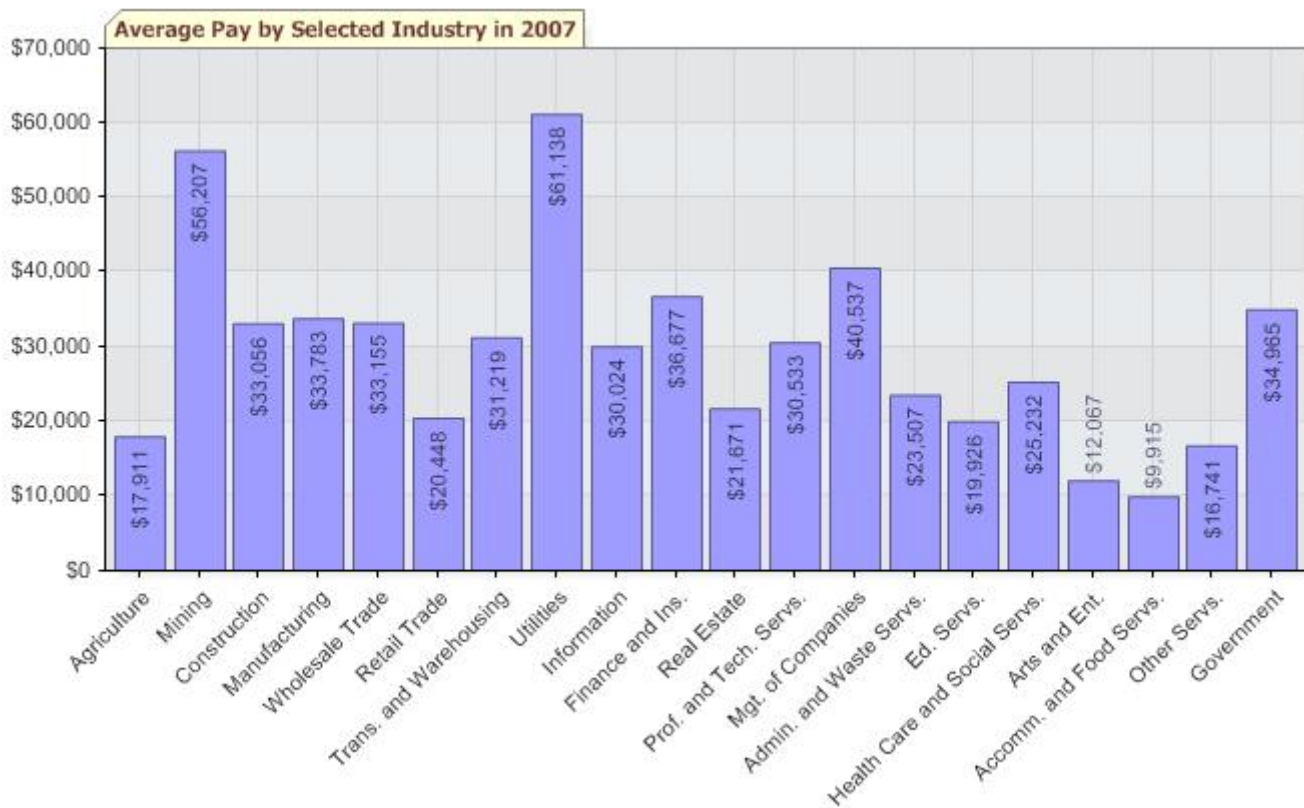
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change	% Change	Indiana	% of
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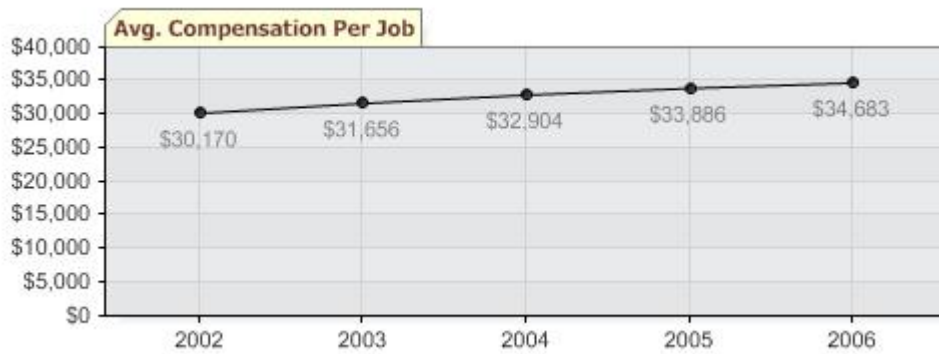
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$25,216	\$28,284	\$3,069	12.2%	\$37,530	75.4%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$15,542	\$17,911	\$2,369	15.2%	\$28,008	64.0%
Mining	\$44,805	\$56,207	\$11,402	25.4%	\$57,315	98.1%
Construction	\$24,007	\$33,056	\$9,049	37.7%	\$44,754	73.9%
Manufacturing	\$32,553	\$33,783	\$1,230	3.8%	\$51,148	66.1%
Wholesale Trade	\$27,646	\$33,155	\$5,509	19.9%	\$51,432	64.5%
Retail Trade	\$18,734	\$20,448	\$1,714	9.1%	\$22,581	90.6%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$25,451	\$31,219	\$5,768	22.7%	\$38,012	82.1%
Utilities	\$56,630	\$61,138	\$4,509	8.0%	\$68,267	89.6%
Information	\$27,010	\$30,024	\$3,014	11.2%	\$46,311	64.8%
Finance & Insurance	\$32,893	\$36,677	\$3,784	11.5%	\$52,649	69.7%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$20,066	\$21,671	\$1,604	8.0%	\$32,614	66.4%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$22,693	\$30,533	\$7,841	34.6%	\$51,451	59.3%
Mgt.of Companies	\$31,889	\$40,537	\$8,649	27.1%	\$72,682	55.8%
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$18,423	\$23,507	\$5,084	27.6%	\$24,934	94.3%
Education Svcs.	\$18,042	\$19,926	\$1,885	10.4%	\$31,029	64.2%
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$27,897	\$25,232	-\$2,665	-9.6%	\$37,706	66.9%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$8,410	\$12,067	\$3,657	43.5%	\$29,251	41.3%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,547	\$9,915	\$1,368	16.0%	\$12,442	79.7%
Other Svcs.	\$15,050	\$16,741	\$1,691	11.2%	\$24,862	67.3%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$29,215	\$34,965	\$5,750	19.7%	\$37,054	94.4%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

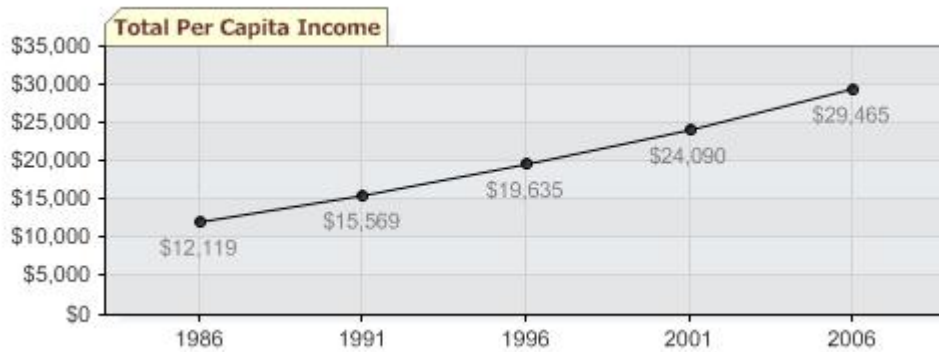
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$30,170	\$31,656	\$32,904	\$33,886	\$34,683
Change Since 2002		\$1,486	\$2,734	\$3,716	\$4,513
Pct. Change Since 2002		4.9%	9.1%	12.3%	15.0%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$12,119	\$15,569	\$19,635	\$24,090	\$29,465
Change Since 1986		\$3,450	\$7,516	\$11,971	\$17,346
Pct. Change Since 1986		28.5%	62.0%	98.8%	143.1%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$28,286
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	32.7%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

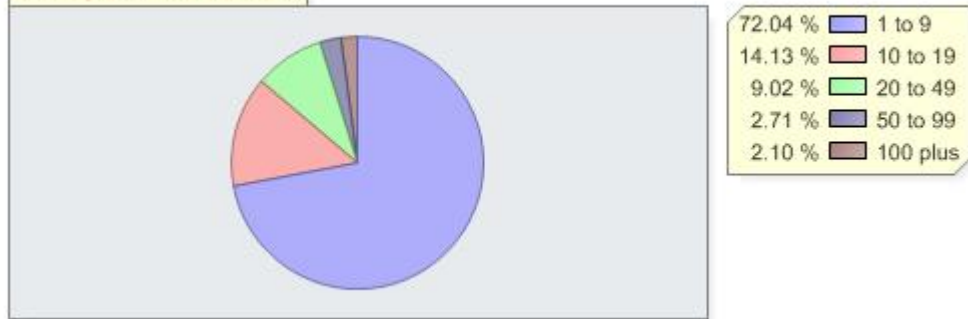
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County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	719	2	0.3%	72.0%
10-19 employees	141	-29	-17.1%	14.1%
20-49 employees	90	3	3.4%	9.0%

50-99 employees	27	-4	-12.9%	2.7%
100 plus employees	21	3	16.7%	2.1%
TOTAL	998	-25	-2.4%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

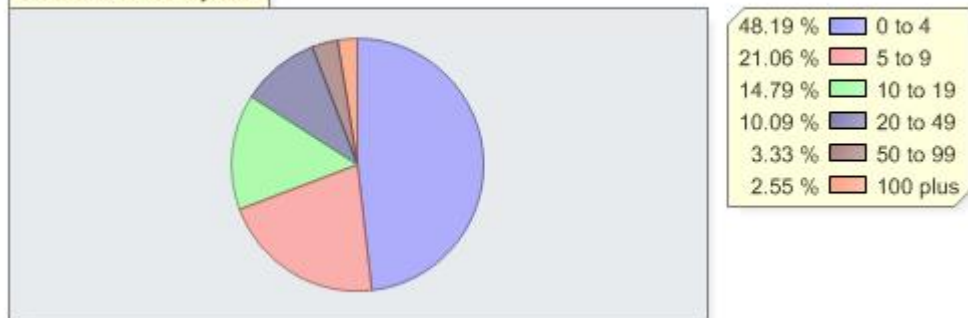


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	492	48.2%
5 to 9 employees	215	21.1%
10 to 19 employees	151	14.8%
20 to 49 employees	103	10.1%
50 to 99 employees	34	3.3%
100 plus employees	26	2.5%
TOTAL	1,021	100.0%

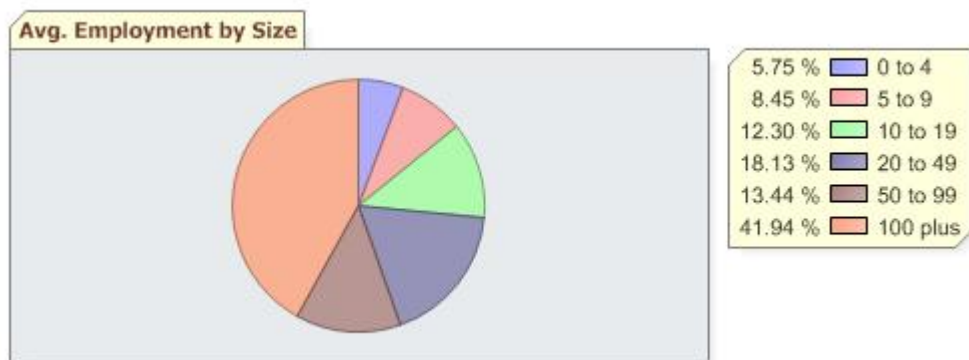
Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	967	5.7%
5 to 9 employees	1,423	8.5%
10 to 19 employees	2,070	12.3%
20 to 49 employees	3,051	18.1%
50 to 99 employees	2,262	13.4%
100 plus employees	7,059	41.9%
TOTAL	16,832	100.0%



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.